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National champion:

Cabbagetown Youth wins junior boxing

Asif Dar is the new junior light welterweight champion of Canada. He won his title at the Canadian championships held in Montreal on April 25. Dar won by scoring a TKO over an Albertan boxer and soundly beating Otis Grant, of Quebec, in the title round. This is the third national championship Dar has won. He was previously both bantamweight and light-weight champion.

Dar's team-mates from the

CYC did not fare quite so well as him, but both turned in excellent performances.

This July, the CBC will begin shooting a one hour TV movie based on the story of how Asif Dar overcame racial prejudice through boxing. The story was written by his coach, Ken Hamilton, and was originally published in Seven News in November 1980.



The new national junior champion Asif Dar.

"Doesn't gov't want us to get off of welfare?"

Dear Editor,

We are a group of women, most of us single mothers on Family Benefits, enrolled in the Dixon Hall Job-Preparation program. We are writing to the media to protest the fact Canada Manpower has backed down from its promise to fund our program.

Under the program, we all work in various community agencies and receive instruction from Dixon Hall administrative staff in business English, speed-writing, office procedures, and elementary bookkeeping. We have been working and studying now for 6 weeks with no pay, no subsidies for babysitting costs, and no guarantee of payment to come.

We joined the program on the understanding Manpower had approved the program in principle and it was only a matter of time until the funds would come through. Now we've been told Manpower has changed its mind, that we don't qualify as a 16-week Work Adjustment Training program (WAT) because we're receiving skills-training.

On a WAT program, you are expected to learn by "osmosis", by simply being in an office environment. But we don't want to work 35 hours a week with no training, some of us for only \$25.00 a week. The WAT program is designed for "the physically and mentally handicapped, ex-inmates, ex-psychiatric patients, ex-alcoholics, youth and the culturally disadvantaged." Do we have to become alcoholics or mentally disabled in order to get help from Manpower?

Manpower re-training programs can be found but not on-the-job experience. Every employer wants at least a year's experience before he'll hire you. The Dixon Hall Job-Preparation program offers the best of both worlds — on-the-job experience combined with formal training linkdho ourkobneeds. It's the only program of its kind that we know of.

We feel quite discouraged by this experience with Manpower. Doesn't the government want us to learn a skill and get off welfare? Those of us on Family Benefiture

especially upset. We understand the government intends to transfer women on Family Benefits to the municipal welfare system. This will force us to regularly look for work, but without the skills and experience necessary.

The politicians are crying about the lack of skilled workers in Canada. But when we try and get skilled, we get the door slammed in our face.

We are a gutsy group here. We are determined to stick with this learning process. If we succeed in getting our program funded, it might make it easier for the next group of women who want to become self-supporting. That's why we're writing to the media, to let the public know. We won't give up.

Sincerely yours,
The Women in the
Dixon Hall Job-
Preparation Program

Dixon Hall caught in a web of bureaucracy

A classic "catch 22" situation is developing around Dixon Hall and its job re-training program, most of it caused by incomprehensible Manpower policies.

The program was started six weeks ago and was designed to train women in office and clerical work. Prior to beginning the program Dixon Hall was assured that government funding was forthcoming, as the program qualified for one of Canada Employment's many training schemes. Thirteen women enrolled in the program, believing that they would be paid for their labour — to date none of them has.

It seems that Manpower just can't find the right box to put these women into; none of their funding is spent on programs that provide skills training and job experience. They have funds to send people to school, as long as they don't work or they have funds to subsidize wages, as long as you don't go to school. Do both and you're left out in the cold and that is precisely where the women in the job training program find themselves. Many women are sole-support mothers surviving on Mother's Allowance who, because of recent changes in the welfare system, find that they will have to look for work or risk losing government assistance. It is ironic that they are the luckiest women involved in this.

Janet Williams is also a sole support mother, but she is not receiving assistance and she quit a job to join the training program.

Williams has worked as a waitress for the past ten years and saw the program as an opportunity to get herself a better job. She has been with the program from the beginning and has received no money from Manpower. After six weeks of wrangling with the Manpower bureaucracy she turned down welfare assistance in feeding her two children. Welfare gave her a cheque — for the overwhelming sum of fifty-three dollars.

Williams will not be able to continue getting welfare assistance without looking for work and that is the ultimate catch 22. The government is forcing women off of Mother's Allowance and onto welfare with the goal of getting them off public assistance by requiring them to look for work. At the same time they are refusing to back the Dixon Hall program which would give these same women the skills and experience necessary to find a good job. Someone, somewhere has to open the door and help.

Extinct tree lives on

By MARA GLEBOUS

One fall a few years ago, as I was walking through Allen Gardens, I spotted the most beautiful opened-fan-shaped leaves lying scattered under a tree. At first I thought I had stepped into a fairy tale in which anything is possible, but then the Carlton streetcar rumbled by and my geographic and temporal bearings were reaffirmed. They were indeed real leaves from a real tree! How, I wondered, could a person live in a city for close to 25 years without having seen this tree before?

On my next trip to the Parliament Street Library, I consulted some books and found that this exquisite tree is not indigenous to Canada but is a native of China. Belonging to the family GINGOACEAE, but commonly called the 'GINKGO' tree, it is the only survivor of an otherwise extinct group of gymnosperm trees that were common in the Carboniferous period, 250 million years ago.

Male and female flowers grow on separate trees, with the female bearing a fleshy, orange-yellow fruit resembling a small plum. It contains an edible kernel inside a woody stone. Soon after I first became familiar with the tree, I saw a group of Chinese women, with sticks in hand beating the fruit out of the branches of the ginkgo trees planted on the south east corner of Dundas Street in front of the Art Gallery of Ontario. The harvest was promptly disappearing into plastic shopping bags. Of course I had to try my hand at this too, so off I went to inspect the one in the south-east quarter of Allen Gardens. I was quite delighted to find that this was a female tree with fruit both in its branches and on the ground below. They had a pungent odour of ferment similar to that of a freshly-cut papaya though perhaps not quite as nice, for when I had taken my little dish of them to the English as a Second Language class I was teaching at the time, the room seemed suddenly over-powered by the smell which outside had been rather pleasant, but inside a touch cloying.

Not knowing that it was the kernel inside the stone which was to be eaten I bit into the fleshy, bitter-sweet exterior. In the end I gave them away to a student. Last week I again checked the tree in the park for fruit, thinking that this time I would sample the kernel; however, it seems that perhaps due to last winter's severe cold there were none, so you may have to wait until next year, if you wish to try one.

Although there are probably a lot of other locations where the ginkgo may be found, in the immediate vicinity, in addition to the two I mentioned above there is also one at the north-west corner of Carlton and University, and one in the front of 214 Carlton. It is a tree worth looking at for the decorative beauty of its leaves alone, which I am sure could be used in craft projects at school and at home.

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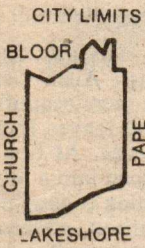


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News Round-up

News Releases

7 News, like most newspapers, receives a great number of useless press releases. Some of them make sense: we can see that some newspapers would be able to use the information, even if we can't, so they do come under the heading of keeping the public informed. Many of them, however, are just shameless self-promotion on the part of firms and government departments. Among the most wasteful-seeming of all are annual reports sent out by various government departments. Why, one wonders, don't they just send out a sheet or two informing the media that the reports are available, rather than sending them unsolicited to every newspaper in the province, or the country. (Federal reports invariably come in both English and French — why not send just the English-language versions to the English-language media, and French-language ones to the French-language media?) A fairly typical example: two weeks ago we receive an expensively printed report from the Ontario Fire Marshal on "Fire Losses in Ontario" in 1979 and 1980. The report weighs a full pound, and must have cost several dollars per copy to print. It cost the Ontario government \$1.90 just in postage to mail it to Seven News — and presumably every paper in the province got one. A week later, we got a film catalogue from the Ontario Fire Marshal, weighing in at 6½ ounces. Do they have money to burn?

Mandatory Measles Inoculations?

Should red measles inoculations be mandatory? This question has been raised recently in both medical and nonmedical circles. It is an important question since the number of red measles cases is higher in Canada than it is in the United States. With only one tenth of the U. S. population, Canada should be able to show a much lower number of measles cases.

Behind the success of the U. S. measles inoculation programme is the requirement that all children show proof of vaccination before starting school.

Would this work in Toronto? The Community Advisory Board for the Eastern Health Area feels it would. After a review of the information, the Community Advisory Board forwarded a motion to the Local Board of Health encouraging members to take a stand in favour of mandatory inoculation.

Inoculation programmes are now available through the Public Health Department at clinics and in Toronto schools. Not all students participate in the pro-

gramme. Making measles inoculations mandatory would ensure that all students receive their shots and drastically reduce the chance of catching red measles or falling victim to its health complications.

Math Contest Winners

Local students did well in both the Fermat and Pascal math contests sponsored by the University of Waterloo. Finishing in the Fermat contest, for grade 10-11 students, was Jarvis C.I. in 22nd place overall for Ontario. Students deserving special mention are; Ian Cockburn and Arthur Chow of Jarvis, and Yih Lee of Riverdale.

Dandelions are flowers too

One of the most maligned, dislike, even hated plants (some call them weeds) in the world is the dandelion. Where there is a patch of grass you will also find some dandelions. It is one of the first plants growing in spring and the last still growing vigorously in the fall until covered by snow. They are almost impossible to kill. Their roots go down quite deep, and if you pull one up, you break off that perennial tap root and it will grow back twice as big and strong. If you neglect to mow your lawn for a few weeks in spring they will go to seed and instead of a green lawn you will wind up with a field of yellow dandelion flowers. This happened to a friend of mine who promptly cut off their heads and turned them into dandelion wine, which by the way, is delicious sweet and gooey, more like a liqueur than a wine.

Now all this contributes to make the poor dandelion a plant of ill repute, despised by gardeners and lovers of manicured lawns alike. Gardening supply houses

are doing a million dollar business selling poisonous weed killers deadly to dandelions and the environment too.

Today the only people who have a high affinity and appreciation of dandelions are children.

The dandelion came originally from Europe, where it saved many a life in the olden days. Herbalists used to dig up the roots in winter and the juice obtained from them was fed to patients suffering from vitamin deficiencies and their related diseases.

In early spring the young leaves would provide greens for salads on many a pleasant table and were consumed in large quantities by one and all. The leaves can be cooked like spinach and the roots can be eaten too. As soon as a few lightly reddish leaves appear, pull up the roots, peel them, slice them very thin, boil them, changing the water twice and eat them with salt, pepper and butter. The roots can also be roasted for about four hours, ground up and used as a coffee substitute.

If you dig down 2 or 3 inches you will expose a crown of blanched leaves getting ready to come to the surface. These wild crowns can be eaten now or cooked, but should be soaked in cold salt water first.

On top of the roots are found the closed blossoms, the yellow part of these flowerheads can also be eaten. Cooked for 3 min., drained and seasoned, they are supposed to taste like artichokes.

There is no need to resort to weed killers, all of the dandelion is edible, but only in the spring. Once it flowers the leaves turn bitter. The root for coffee can be dug up anytime, but for eating they are better in the spring when they are full of nourishment and getting ready for their spring growth.

So next spring when you see a dandelion on your front lawn — eat it.

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The moral issue of computer literacy

By DAVE DICKEY

With over 500 VDT/computer sets in Toronto schools already, and \$440,000 budgeted for more equipment, all aspects of microtechnology would seem to be in urgent need of open discussion. As in other areas of computer application one cannot help but react with a combination of enthusiasm and anxious concern. On the one hand is the sheer power of this new equipment and on the other all sorts of questions.

With regard to education two questions arise: Is education being provided so that people can function effectively in a computer-based society? and, Are methods being used which will enhance learning and help to develop human potentials? The answers so far are unclear.

What is clear is that school boards appear to be again mimicking industry, rushing in to buy machines without any clear idea of what to do with them or of their long term effects. The quality of the hardware (machines), software (programs) and support equipment (desks, chairs, etc.) is questionable. And keep in mind that all this money, which

manufacturers and publishers are scrambling for, has to be pared from other educational expenses.

All of this in the name of Computer Literacy, considered by some to be the latest educational fad. Certainly the vagueness of the term allows for a wide variety of interpretations, yet it has the ring of reason necessary to solace everyone. It's a pragmatic term for a pragmatic practice.

Under the rubric of Computer Literacy nearly every school subject can be computer directed or aided. So while the talked-about goal of giving students an hour per day exposure to microprocessors seems modest, it can easily be exceeded. Not only can students seek and find extra time, even for game playing, but simply put, the more classrooms which use the equipment the more the exposure time. In regard to this aspect, shouldn't there be a limit to the amount of time anybody, especially a youngster, should spend in front of a VDT?

The implications of increased exposure to VDT's are the real issue. Firstly, it means possible exposure to radiation, blurring

screens, bad backlighting, reflective glare from screens, and unsuitable tables and chairs. Possible associated health problems might be cataracts, organ damage, headaches, blurred vision, altered attitudes and even skin rashes. This rush to buy equipment which may be dangerous is being done with no back up plans to test and maintain the equipment and no standards to apply to safety nor to ergonomics. All of this with little or no meaningful discussion with parents or teachers.

Secondly, as students spend more time typing at VDT's it will be done at the expense of time now spent on handwriting. Will a skill, then, which is exquisitely portable and individual be even more diminished by one which

that this will change in relation to the quality of computer equipment. Also, the more advantaged schools tend to offer more enriched courses, ones which develop decision-making abilities while in others the tendency is to develop order-taking qualities. The pattern for computer courses is conforming by offering more programming elements in the enriched programs, giving an element of control over the computer while in others the courses take the direction of drills, with students being controlled by the machines. Without consistent goals and budgets some schools are going to get better equipment and better programs, and the gap between the haves and the have-nots will grow further as the technological society develops.

down the road. There is little philosophical discussion about computers in or out of the classroom, and such everyday issues as ergonomics are rarely raised. Since much of teaching/learning is lockstep computers can be highly instrumental in the process; but will this deskilling teaching? Will boards of education use computers to eliminate teaching positions or to lower pay levels? And to what extent will monitoring capabilities of computers be used?

Calculators expanded the scope of everyday mathematics, giving the opportunity to explore dimensions which were previously impossible or too difficult; computers offer even greater potential in the classroom. They can be powerful tools with which to develop ideas, providing flexible methods and new environments. Certainly, writing a program gives a sense of accomplishment, control, power and confidence. Even learning from a machine coupled with an imaginative program can be stimulating. And in the process the equipment becomes better understood, demystified. But used only for drills, basic academic skills and simplistic games, trivializes everything, including the educational process.

Perhaps the beginning of any solution to all the issues surrounding computers begins with education and educators. It might also mean that another recent popular catch-all, Values Education, will have to be employed. It can begin by asking how this technology can best serve people rather than just commercial special interests.

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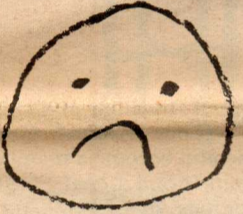
depends upon a machine? And will the language of that machine supercede the language between people? In short, will handwriting and verbal skill, already negatively affected by television, be sacrificed further?

Education already tends to favour the advantaged groups in our society despite efforts to the contrary. The fact remains that suburban, middle class schools have material advantages over urban, working class schools. There is little reason to believe


Studies are already showing that the female/male ratios in computer-related courses are about equal in introductory courses but boys outnumber girls in the more advanced ones — a trend which will perpetuate role differences existing in today's job market.

Teachers are concerned about their own role in this revolution. In the first place there is no clear idea being sent to them by industry or government about the skill needs of our society a few years

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SPRUCECOURT NURSERY SCHOOL

Drop in and find out what it's all about

Nearing the end of its first year of operation, the Sprucecourt Cooperative Nursery School is planning to hold its first open house on May 13, from 2-4. The open house will provide a chance for all interested members of the community to see what goes on in the nursery, especially parents of 2 or 3 year-olds who might be looking for a half-day pre-school

programme for their kids in September.

The nursery is located in Sprucecourt School (70 Spruce Street, Room 106) and was founded by a group of local parents who felt that there were enough 2 and 3 year-olds east of Parliament and north of Gerrard to justify opening a new nursery in the neighbourhood. (St. Peter's

and Don Vale, west of Parliament, and the Regent Park Nurseries, south of Gerrard, are all well-enrolled and thriving too).

The space at Sprucecourt has proved ideal, with a large sunny room and access to the gym and outdoor playground. The prin-

icipal, vice-principal and staff have been most cordial and cooperative; now, with the nursery's crop of 3 year-olds 'graduating', many will be moving directly into Sprucecourt's Junior Kindergarten, and so will be starting school in an environment which is already familiar to them, where they know many of the teachers, and their younger ex-classmates and teacher will be right down the hall.

security has to be balanced with independence, freedom with responsibility, awareness of self with social awareness. The group gathers in a circle every day for songs, poetry and stories, and to discuss the current topic; right now they're studying Spring, not surprisingly, but winter topics have included Transportation, Dinosaurs, and Yoga.

The programme is cooperative, with all parents actively involved in running the school. The majority of the members participate in the classroom one morning a week, but up to four of the 15 spaces are reserved for kids whose parents cannot be there due to their work schedules. Fees this year have been \$55 and \$75 per month, depending on whether or not the parents put in the classroom time. The group would like to be able to offer at least two subsidies, but so far have been unable to get the necessary funding. If you are interested in more information, you can phone the president, Diana Worts (923-9922) or, better yet, come to the open house!

Eight years' work

The teacher of the nursery is Patricia Browne, who came to the job with eight years' work in early childhood education (not to mention the more direct experience of being mother of a 3 year-old herself!). Pat's philosophy is that the nursery school should be above all a child's place, where the children can learn to express themselves at their own level, while learning the importance of cooperation, sharing, and respect for others. Parents and teacher can help the children to develop what she calls "balancing traits": for example,

East End group fights for peace

East End Peace Action was formed in December, 1971, when about twenty people came to a meeting in the Pape-Danforth library. Since then our membership has soared. Everywhere, people are discussing the problems of peace and disarmament, and demanding that the politicians listen. We are people of all kinds: students, workers, professionals and pensioners. We affiliate ourselves to no political party or organization, but we are united by single goal. We want to live in a peaceful world.

Never has the world been more aware that nuclear weapons threaten to make humanity extinct. We all have a sense that we are running out of time. If we do not act now, the makers of war will end not just our lives, but life itself.

Some people say nuclear weapons are a necessary evil. They are certainly evil, but they are not at all necessary. They think that war is inevitable, and are prepared to be killed without any struggle. Bombs are made by men, and policies are formed by governments that are supposed to represent us. For a generation, we have

wandered towards destruction. Before it is too late, we must all respond to the danger. The last two years have been particularly ominous. The once quiet voice of the peace movement has grown to a chorus.

Political observers believe any nuclear exchange would almost certainly lead to all-out war, and scientists have shown that all-out war has the potential to destroy all life on our planet. In spite of this, the men with the fingers on the button talk of 'limited' nuclear war which they hope to 'win'. They discuss seriously the situations in which they would fire their missiles, missiles which would initiate a final holocaust.

Leaders talk of trying to achieve nuclear superiority. And so SALT, which would have established a rough parity in killing power, has not been signed.

Bombs are not like swords or guns, both the US and the USSR have enough weapons to destroy everyone in the rival country many times over. Building more bombs merely invites the enemy to match them.

There is now talk of a first-
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Community Profiles

Community Profiles is a feature designed to tell you about some of the more low profile groups in your community

Neighbourhood Legal Service opens up

Neighbourhood Legal Services is inviting the community to its Annual General Meeting at our office, 238 Carlton Street on Tuesday May 11, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. to report to our membership and to elect our Board of Directors for 1982-83. We are a community legal clinic serving the area from Yonge to Carlaw and Bloor to the Lake including the Islands. Our aim is to make legal services available to people who would otherwise not be able to afford them. To make sure we are serving the people who need us most, we have guidelines as to the income of our clients. Our board is made up of members of our community and they direct our work to best serve the interest of our clients and the community.

We work in three main areas of the law: Landlord and Tenant,

Welfare and Family Benefits and Unemployment Insurance. As well, we do some work in the areas of Family Law (except divorce), Child Welfare, Immigration and Consumer Law. Besides doing casework with individual clients, we do law reform, such as work with the Sole Support Parents Coalition. Also we do community education such as our training project in Regent Park, aimed at equipping residents to give legal advice and referrals. We are producing manuals presenting information about Ontario Housing and Welfare and Family Benefits. Our education, research and law reform work is carried out under the direction of committees made up of board and staff members, so that the community helps to direct these services.

We are very anxious to have

more input from our community. Come to our Annual General Meeting and become a member of Neighbourhood Legal Services. This entitles you to vote for the Board of Directors and attend meetings and gatherings at our office throughout the year. Or, if you want more involvement, run for our Board of Directors. This involves one meeting per month, plus work on committees. If you wish to run for our Board, call Lillian Allen at 961-2625.

In any event, we invite you to come out to our Annual General Meeting to get acquainted with your legal clinic and find out about the services we offer you and the ways you can get involved. Join us at Neighbourhood Legal Services, 238 Carlton Street, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 1982. See you there.

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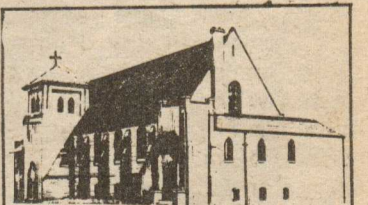
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 8

● **It's What's Upstairs That Counts:** Two-day display of posters, computer graphics, photography plus advertising and magazine layouts by Sheridan College Graphic Design Graduates. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. York Quay Centre.

● Central Division of the Metro Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded will be holding a **garage sale** today between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 659 Spadina Avenue.

● Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E. will have a **Bazaar and Auction** between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Raffle at 1 p.m.; Auction 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 9

● **The Boy Who Forgot**, a puppet play, will be presented by the Pepi Puppet Theatre at the Pauline McGibbon Centre, 86 Lombard St. on Mother's Day, May 9th at 2:30 p.m. Mother's free. Reservations 922-5841 or 368-4498

● **Antique Market:** Browse and buy from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., indoors at 222 Queen's Quay West. Free lecture at 2:30 p.m. on **Ivory and Bone: Artifacts of the Orient** at York Quay Centre.



● **Kaleidoscope:** Join the Queen of Hearts for Mother's Day Card making at York Quay Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

● **Mad Hatter's Tea Party:** Lewis Carroll's story characters come to life at 12:30 and 2 p.m. with puppets, story telling, a tea party and a kooky croquet match. Free. York Quay Centre.

Tuesday, May 11

● Neighbourhood Legal Services, 238 Carlton St. will have a **general meeting** today at 7:30 p.m.

● **Ingmar Bergman Films: From the Life of the Marionettes** examines the human soul between conscious evil and lunacy. 7:30 p.m.; \$2. York Quay Centre.

● **Reading Series:** Reading from Canadian poets **George Amabile** and **Gwen MacEwen** as she launches her book **The T.E. Lawrence Poems**. 8:30 p.m. Free. York Quay Centre.

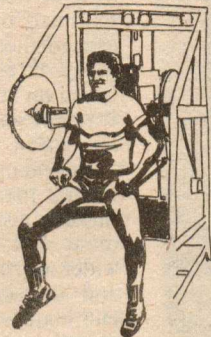
Wednesday, May 12

● St. Martin's Catholic School is holding registration for its September 1982 **Junior and Senior Kindergarten** classes on Wednesday May 12 and Thursday May 13. Times are from 9 a.m. to noon on both days. St. Martin's is at 55 Salisbury, and can also be entered from Winchester St. Parents are requested to bring baptismal and birth certificates. For more information call Mr. Lockett at 922-6832.

● **Coming Out of Chaos:** Vancouver's **Terminal City Dance** opens a five-night run of theatrical imagination choreographed by **Karen Rimmer**. 8:30 p.m. nightly; \$6

adults, \$5 students and seniors. York Quay Centre.

● You are invited to an evening on **Hiroshima and World Peace** at 7:30 p.m. at Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue. The program will include the Canadian premiere of a new film from Japan, "The Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki from a Scientific Standpoint".



● Parents and children are invited to visit their Public Health Office on **Canada Health Day** — Wednesday, May 12, 1982.

The two Eastern Health Area offices — 815 Danforth Avenue, and 1631 Queen St. East (near Coxwell) — will be open to the public from 2-7 p.m. Drop in and find out what health programmes are available. For more information, contact the Eastern Health Area general enquiry number — 469-0889.

Thursday, May 13

● Sprucecourt Nursery School (A Parent Participation Co-operative Nursery School for 2, 3 and 4 year olds) will be holding an **open house** for prospective students and their parents from 2-4 p.m. 70 Spruce St. (Sumach and Sackville). Room 106. Interested persons welcome. 923-9922 for more info.

Saturday, May 15

● East End Volunteer Workers Sports is having a **garage sale** today from noon to 5 p.m. at 8 Kingston Rd. Its purpose is to purchase sports equipment for the various teams and for the presentation of trophies, crests and buttons.



● Be a Victorian tourist for a day! "The Great Victorian Omnibus Tour, 1850" is a unique collaboration by 5 or Toronto's historic sites to re-enact a day in 1850. The gossip of the time, the politics and the social climate will regale you on our tour. Sites include a grand home, a more modest one, 2 public buildings and an inn. We point our lots more as we roll! Tickets are \$24.00 (lunch at the Inn included), and must be purchased in advance. For information and tickets call the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse at 863-0010.

● The **1981 Canada Council Literature Prizes** for excellence in writing and illustration of children's

books will be awarded at Harbourfront at 3 p.m. Four awards of \$5,000 each will be presented to English and French-language writers and illustrators of children's books. The prize-winning authors and illustrators will be on hand.

● The schedule for discussion/demonstrations on Saturday, May 15 has been altered slightly. Please note the following time changes: cartoonist **Mark Thurman** will be in the Community Gallery at 1:30 p.m., and Vancouver photographer **Douglas Tait** makes a special appearance at 2 p.m. On Saturday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in the Main Gallery **Barbara Smucker**, the award-winning writer of "Underground to Canada" and four other children's books, replaces Dennis Lee at a reading and discussion of her work. All **Images of Childhood** events are free and take place at York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. Public information number is 364-5665.



Sunday, May 16

On Sunday, May 16, 1982 **On Our Own**, a self-help group of ex-psychiatric inmates, will host a **Public Day** in the City of Toronto Council Chambers from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a press panel selected by conference delegates and testimony by ex-inmates bringing to public awareness their experiences with the "mental health" system across North America and Europe.

The demonstration, planned against the American Psychiatric Association meeting in Toronto that week, takes place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

The public is welcome to attend and participate in the public portion of the conference on Sunday in City Hall Council Chambers to hear the voice of the psychiatricized, to share experiences, or to confront those who confront the "mental health" system.

For details call On Our Own at 699-3192.

Monday, May 17

Community Advisory Board, Eastern Health Area Dept. of Public Health will hold its **regular meeting** tonight at 7:30. 815 Danforth Avenue. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, May 20

On Thursday, May 20, an **Adult**

Health Screening Clinic will be held at Dundas Street School. The hours are from 1:30 to 5:30. Appointments can be made by phoning the Department of Public Health at 469-0889. Free tests include blood pressure, carbon monoxide level, and overall fitness level assessment. Dundas Street School is located at 935 Dundas Street East, near Broadview Avenue.

Ongoing

● A Sculpture for Spring **exhibition and sale** begins today through May 29 at Central Hospital, 333 Sherbourne St., 3rd floor.

● The climax of the ex-inmate conference in mid-May will be a public demonstration against the American Psychiatric Association.

On Our Own, a self-help group of ex-psychiatric inmates, hosts the **Tenth Annual International Conference** on Human Rights and Psychiatric Oppression in Toronto from May 14 to 18, 1982. This is the first time the conference is held outside the United States.

The conference brings together about two hundred (200) ex-inmates of psychiatric institutions across North America and Europe to build support systems and share information of ways to confront established but unacceptable "treatment" patterns.

The meetings will be held at the University of Toronto and are open to all ex-inmates and those endorsed by ex-inmate member groups. Registration for the conference is \$10.00. Meals and lodging are provided for under \$100.00.

● **New Mental Health Programs** at Woodgreen Community Centre:

Monday: 1:30 - 3:30

Introduction to Community Services

Visits to recreational facilities, libraries, agencies, etc.

Wednesday: 2:30 - 4:30

Life Skills

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Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30

Stress and Relaxation

— the group explores how and why stress affects general health

— through exercise and relaxation techniques the group is taught to combat stress.

● 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 461-6311 or 962-4039 and ask for Jack Peterson.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice which you would like to appear in the next issue of Seven News (all events between May 21 and June 5 should go in this issue) please fill out the coupon below and map or bring your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2 by 5 p.m. Monday, May 17.

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is, in 2-3 sentences)

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Chinese Heritage Day

400 Attend Chinese Day

Chinese Heritage Day at Monarch Park S.S. was a great success if crowds are a gauge. The event attracted more than 400 students and staff who participated in the day's activities and, of course, sampled some typical cuisine.

Just some of the activities they

participated in were a chop stick contest, a game of Mah Jong and having their names translated into Cantonese. Later in the day students of Chinese heritage performed a traditional Lion dance, demonstrated Kung-Fu and presented some typical Chinese costumes.

The big attraction of the day however, was the food. Everyone ate great quantities of the Dim Sum and pastry dishes.

For students who missed Chinese Day the school will be holding an equally ambitious Italian Day in the near future.

A fight for peace by East End Group

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strike policy. As long as the US and the USSR agreed that any war would be MAD (the Mutual Assured Destruction policy), the insanity was slightly relieved, but now we hear of a "sudden strike" to finish the other side before it can retaliate. This is not only a grave threat to peace; it is also based on an incorrect assumption: It is not possible to avoid nuclear retaliation.

In the meantime, the arms race wastes many billions of dollars, increasing inflation, unemployment and interest rates. In the wider world, starvation, illiteracy and disease — which could be eliminated with just 5% of the world's armaments budget — rage on.

As an example of this irrespon-

sibility, consider the plans to test the Cruise missile in Alberta. The Cruise is guilty on all counts: it is part of a new armaments build up; it is intended as a first-strike weapon; it is supposed to be used in a 'limited' nuclear war; it is a shameless waste of money. And, by drawing us into the nuclear fire zone, it ensures that Canada, too, will be targeted.

It is to focus on these problems that East End Peace Action is holding a peace festival in Kew Gardens, Queen Street East, on June 19. Join us for an afternoon of entertainment and information, and help us declare the East End a nuclear weapons-free zone. Call Jeremy Agar (694-7922) or Reed Mason (691-3816) for information — or with offers and suggestions.

Oratorio festival

By JOANNE SMITH

Simpson Ave. United Church recently presented Handel's "Solomon", a festal oratorio. That this church has presented such an account of the highlights of Solomon's colourful life with excellent soloists, choir, and orchestra is a vote of confidence to classical music lovers not only in this area but also throughout greater Toronto.

Soprano Mimi Gillies portrayed both Solomon's queen and the queen of Sheba with a bright and opulent sound, always sensitive to the enchantment of either queen with Solomon's wisdom or his lavish gifts.

Carol Greer imbued the first woman's role with a genuine warmth, well contrasted to the second woman's jealous aggression against the truth, declaimed

by Elspeth Simpson. The renown of tenor Albert Greer was again certified by his splendid portrayal of Zadok the priest. Three florid arias were all hallmarks of great oratorio singing, a challenge to any artist. Steven Dunn's performance revealed a young and kingly Solomon, a voice of majesty and fine lyric line.

The double chorus performed most capably, colouring or moving the action of the drama, well buttressed by an orchestra of strings, oboes, timpani, trumpets and organ. Not the least of the plaudits go to conductor/harpsichordist Don Gillies who brought forth the magic of Handel's musical account of King Solomon's renown. The performance was organized by the energetic talents of the music director of Simpson Ave. church Norman Abbot.

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8. Harsh and repressive laws have never stopped abortions. They merely force women to seek illegal and often dangerous abortions.
9. The population policies of a nation should not be accorded a higher priority than the right of a woman to govern her life and her fertility.
10. The Canadian abortion law has been shown to be unworkable and unevenly and unfairly applied. Abortion should be removed from the Criminal Code so that all Canadians may be free to act according to their consciences in this most important matter.

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Triune Acting Ensemble is looking for actors

by JOHN CLEMENT

Triune Acting Ensemble began as an experimental program run jointly by the departments of theatre and film at York University in the fall of 1979. Graduating students of the courses founded the company with Misha Witt (artistic director) in 1980.

Misha Witt was born in Leningrad where he studied at the Leningrad State Institute of Theatre, Music and Cinema. He made his Canadian debut in 1975 and since then has directed a number of critically-acclaimed productions: *The Proposal* and *The Bear* for Tarragon Theatre, *Ward Six* for Bathurst Street Theatre, and *The Three Lives of Adam* for The Crest Theatre. Mr. Witt taught at Equity Showcase Theatre, and he continues to teach at York, as well as conducting the company's master workshops.

Triune Acting Ensemble's first acting and directing workshop began in March of 1981, and two months later the company made its theatrical debut with *Motley Tales* performed as part of the Toronto International Theatre Festivals Open Stage '81. In December of 1981 Triune produced its first videotape production *Tears The World Cannot See* in co-operation with Rogers Cablevision. The company was invited to attend the International Symposium at The Art Center, New Jersey City, in August.

Triune Acting Ensemble is a non-profit organization developing actors and directors for film, video and theatre. Triune's

philosophy is: "There are laws of natural organic behaviour in 'given circumstances' that apply to both stage and screen acting. These, combined with the freedom of improvisation, will help the actor develop his/her physical and emotional capacities. Acting is an interpretive, not an imitative, art. The greater the play or screenplay, the more profound and significant the subtext. Revealing subtext is

the actor's objective."

For those with little or no previous experience Triune offers a five week course which provides a systematic introduction to acting, utilizing the principles of K. Stanislavsky, and V. Meyerhold, including: physical preparation, concentration and coordination, relaxation, scene study, and the ever-popular improvisation. These classes are held Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 10:30, and the cost is \$60 (\$3 per hour).

Triune Acting Ensemble also holds auditions for intermediate acting classes. This ten week course for professionally-oriented actors and directors stresses physical preparations, etudes and improvisation from short stories and plays, based on the principles

of Stanislavsky. They are run by company directors Robin Campbell and John Barclay. Private coaching is also available. These classes are held Sundays from 12:30 to 6:30, and the cost is \$180 (\$3 per hour).

Triune Acting Ensemble will offer master-workshops for professional actors: criticism and practical development of works in progress and audition pieces. They will be conducted by Misha Witt. These classes will be held Thursday nights from 6:30 to 10:30, and the cost is \$80 per month.

Actors who complete the Stanislavsky conception workshops (including those who now wish to enter into the introductory course) will be eligible for Triune Acting Ensemble

company productions (film, video and theatre).

Triune is a company of people trained in theatre, video and film production intent on developing a permanent ensemble.

Now is the time to become a member.

(Triune Acting Ensemble, 103 Bellevue Street, 535-5630)

All Saints loses funding

The All Saints Church overnight drop-in centre closed its doors on April 29th, the victim of short-sighted government policy.

All Saints received a grant from Metro's Community Services commission in October to run the centre, which has housed hundreds of men since then. But with the warm spring weather Metro has cut off the centre's funding, expecting the men to find somewhere else to sleep, presumably the street. Since its opening the centre has provided a mat on the floor to some of our city's most desperate homeless.

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THROUGH THE YEARS WITH 7 NEWS

10 years ago in the news, Pierre Berton hosted a party in aid of the South of St. James Town Defense Fund — tickets were only \$2.50. And a 5 course meal was available at the Don Vale Community Centre for only 75¢. In Speaking Out, the residents of Ward 7 expressed their opinion about rent prices and living conditions. The general feeling seemed to be that rents were too high, tenants shouldn't have to beg to get things done and that Rent Review or Rent Control would be a good

thing. A housing arrangement for psychiatric patients was being proposed for the Don District by the Dundas Day Centre, in an effort to combat loneliness and alienation and to help each other prepare for their re-entry into society. A residents organization was formed and named Cabbagetown Community Improvement Committee; the area being bounded west of the Don River and south of Queen Street. The residents complained of unfair housing inspections and threats of evic-

tion, as well as pollution and possible street widenings. The Regent Park North swimming pool was being completed, having a postponed completion schedule from early July to late August.



In the news 5 years ago, Nellie's Hostel for Women (an emergency housing facility for 30 women) had an uncertain future. Redevelopment of the area had left Nellie's in a tight spot, but as it turned out, they didn't have to shut down or relocate. The Don Vale Community Centre closed down, and 7 News was forced to relocate from the Centre to St. Peter's Church. The Good Companions, a group for blind and partially sighted living in St. James Town was established by the

Y.M.C.A. for recreational and educational purposes. The Meals on Wheels Program celebrated its tenth year of operation and the residents of the Bain Avenue apartments decided in favour of cooperative ownership of their complex. The Landlord and Tenant Act booklet was produced and utilized by many. And that's the way it was 5 and 10 years ago.

Ontario Tax Grants For Senior Citizens

1982 Instalments of up to \$310 Have Been Mailed

Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors is a program designed specifically to help offset municipal and school taxes for Ontario residents 65 and over. The Ontario Ministry of Revenue has just completed the mailing of cheques which comprise the first instalment of the 1982 Property Tax Grant of up to \$250 and a new temporary Home Heating Grant of \$60. These cheques were mailed on May 10th.

Who received it?

- If you're 65 or over and own or rent your home, you're eligible for the Property Tax Grant.
- The 1982 instalment cheque was mailed to all Ontario seniors who received the 1981 Property Tax Grant.
- This is intended to help you pay your property tax or rent for the first part of 1982. In the fall you will automatically receive an application for the balance of your grant.

Who did not receive it?

Basically, if you didn't receive a 1981 Property Tax Grant, you will not have received the May instalment. In particular, seniors should note that:

- If you reside in a nursing home, home for the aged or any property tax-exempt institution, you're not eligible for the Property Tax Grant.
- If you turned 65 after December 31, 1981 (and therefore did not qualify for a grant last year) you also won't have received the May instalment. However, you will receive an application for the entire 1982 grant in the fall.

Temporary Home Heating Grant

This year a temporary Home Heating Grant of \$60 has been added to the Tax Grants Program to help seniors cope with the sudden increases in heating costs. This \$60 is included in your 1982 instalment cheque. For example, if you received a Property Tax Grant of \$480 for 1981, your 1982 instalment amounts to \$300 (½ of \$480 = \$240 plus \$60).

For more information call the Ministry's multilingual Information Centre

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High-rise tenants fight rent hike

Nellie's future is uncertain

St. James town group is for the blind



Birthday greetings KNS 741

A new system of vehicle registration is on the way. Starting on December 1, 1982 licence plates will be registered to the owner of a car, not to the car itself. Along with the plate-to-owner concept the government is also introducing a system of staggered renewals, so also beginning on Dec. 1, 1982 you will have to renew your plates on your birthday. The ostensible reason for the new system is to enable the Ministry of Transport to deny licence renewal to anyone with outstanding parking tickets and thereby cut down on the number of people successfully avoiding paying their traffic violations. Personally, I think they just want to be able to wish me a happy birthday when they stop me for speeding.

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