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The next issue of 7 News will appear on Friday, September 24. The deadline for that issue is Friday, September 17.

How fit are you?

Part of the Cabbagetown Festival this year is the second downtown Health Fair, planned for Saturday, September 11 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E.

Many free souvenirs will be distributed from the participating agencies, and visitors will have a chance to do such things as have their blood pressure tested, meet characters like Buddy Blood Drop and Murphy the Molar, and discover how much carbon monoxide they have in their lungs. Health care professionals will be on hand to answer any questions visitors care to ask.

Films, quizzes and play areas will also be provided by the sponsoring committee who include the Canadian Cancer Society, the Chiropractic College Clinic, the Easter Seal Society, Canadian Red Cross, Regent Park Community Health Centre, St. James town Health Centre, Public Health Department and York-Toronto Lung Association.

All information, testing, etc. is free, and all ages will be welcomed.

Are you eligible to vote?

Voter's lists being prepared for the two upcoming elections could be a source of confusion, not only to the government, but to constituents as well.

Residents of this area will be visited by one, and possibly two sets of enumerators in the next few days. The enumerators for the federal by-election in Broadview-Greenwood will be calling, as well as the municipal enumerators.

The confusion results because not everyone living in Ward 7 and 8 will be voting in the by-election and not everyone is eligible to vote in both elections.

To qualify for the voter's list you must be:

- over eighteen on or before polling day - October 12
- a Canadian Citizen
- in continuous residence in the electoral district where the election is being held between September 6 and October 12.

The municipal election will be held on November 8.



Sept. 20, 1915: Boy poses for a photograph along Fisherman's Road at the foot of Cherry Street.

By-Election set for Oct 12th

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Now that the federal by-election in Broadview-Greenwood has been called for October 12th we can expect to hear a lot of rehetoric about the advantages of democracy. This seems a good time to note that since March 2nd the democratic machinery hasn't been working in this riding because it has lacked an elected representative. Broadview-Greenwood contains a lot of highly politicized and quite active people so it needs representation more than most ridings. If the role of the local MP is as important to the democratic process as we are frequently told it is then little

time that should be lost in choosing a successor whenever a sitting member vacates the seat for any reason. Whether that happens or not depends upon a number of factors that have little to do with the wishes or interests of the electors, as a quick review of some events soon proves.

For instance, the Canada Elections Act declares that a prime minister is permitted to wait six months before setting a date for a by-election. Furthermore, that period begins, not when the seat actually becomes vacant, but only after the Commons Speaker has formally told the chief electoral officer that there's nobody there any more. The reason for this little bit of red tape becomes evident as soon as you take a look at Timiskaming riding. This area in Northern Ontario was represented by Liberal Bruce Lonsdale until he was killed in a motor accident in late January. Since Timiskaming has been a long-time NDP stronghold, only taken by the Liberals in the last election, and considering how low the Liberal Party standing has been in recent polls, it is not surprising that it took a long time for the Commons Speaker to notice that Lonsdale was dead and buried.

It seems that the Liberal Party's hand was finally forced when
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TRAP vs City Hall

TRAP still fighting

By HOWARD HUGGETT

The organization known as TRAP (Tax Reform Action for People) made public a most important press release on August 26th. Because the subject matter is of such concern to many homeowners in this ward Seven News is reproducing it here:

TRAP was formed as a result of the Ontario government's re-assessment drive in certain areas of Toronto, which occurred at the end of last year. This operation was conducted in a very haphazard and inefficient manner and produced so many unfair and even ridiculous results that homeowners reacted angrily and meetings were held across the city. Despite the public outcry and the protests made to the Provincial Minister of Revenue by Toronto City Council he refused to roll back the re-assessment or otherwise make any adjustments to improve the situation. The only useful action he did take was to overlook the fact that the deadline for appeals had passed and to declare that all re-assessments were to be considered as under appeal. This has allowed many more homeowners their day in court, and these actions are now being heard.

However, anyone who has gone through this process can tell you that the dice are loaded against you. The assessors do not have to prove that your house is worth the value they have given it, you have to prove that it isn't. They can come up with a figure very easily, sometimes without even stepping inside your house. You, on the other hand will have

to go to considerable trouble to turn up examples of very similar properties in the immediate neighbourhood that have been given a lower assessment than yours. If you do that the result may very well be higher assessments for those homes, not a lower one for yours. What that can do to good neighbourhood relations is not hard to imagine.

A Reprieve

Because of all this it is good news for homeowners that TRAP has launched this suit. If they can get a judgement that the re-assessment was improperly done it will mean a reprieve for all those homeowners who have been hit with much higher taxes, and it will surely send a signal to the Ministry of Revenue that the limits to what they can get away with are lower than they thought.

Of course, this action has yet to be won. To take on a department of the provincial government in the Supreme Court of Ontario requires considerable courage, a lot of dedication and hard work, and sufficient money. This action has been launched on behalf of about 7,763 residential properties which have been re-assessed, but it is also a battle on behalf of many, many more homeowners who may be unjustly treated in the future. It has been started by an organization of about 700 homeowners, less than 10 per cent of those who are presently under fire and a much lower percentage of those who may be hit later.

TRAP has managed to raise about \$8,000 towards the legal

costs. It is going to take more than that to win, and it seems to me that it is time that more homeowners got into this battle. Of all the areas in the city Ward Seven was the hardest hit, with over 2,400 increased assessments out of a city-wide total of over 7,700, almost one third of them all. That takes in far more properties that are covered by building permits, and it should be pointed out that this re-assessment drive doesn't involve only renovated houses. Many of those hit haven't renovated and never will, because they can't afford to. They probably can't afford the high taxes and some people will lose their homes.

Better Odds

Lots of people hand out a dollar or two regularly for Lotto or some other lottery with very little possibility of ever winning. I think the odds are better with TRAP's action, and it would be a good idea for concerned homeowners to at least make a donation of whatever they can afford to help out this worthy cause. For further information you can get in touch with Eric Leggatt at 497 Ontario Street, 960-0005, or Tom Callahan, 18 Metcalfe Street, 967-5960.

Donations to TRAP may be sent to the care of Fay Mansfield of 22 Aberdeen Avenue, Toronto, M4X 1A2. Please make cheques payable to TRAP. If you include your name and address with the donation TRAP will send a receipt, and add your name to their members list.

Advance voting

Advance voting -- for those who cannot vote on election day at the Broadview-Greenwood by-election on October 12, 1982 -- will take place on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, October 2, 4 and 5 between 12 noon and 8 p.m.

These advance polls are held not only to make voting easier for disabled and elderly voters but also for voters who will be absent or unable to vote at the ordinary polling station on October 12.

The front page of the voters' list delivered to all eligible voters provides information as to the location of the advance polls.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Elections Canada Officer in the Gerrard Square Shopping Centre, 461-0355.

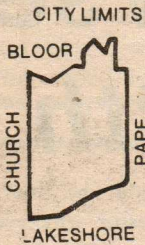


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To mark Senior Citizen's Week (June 20 to 26) the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations prepared and released a Consumer Survival Kit especially for Seniors.

Since senior citizens are often the target of con artists and unethical sales people, the Ministry included a summary of the top ten scams worked in Ontario, as well as pamphlets that detail each scheme and advice on how to avoid being ripped off.

The most frequent types of fraud practiced in Ontario were:

Foreign Land Sales

In the late 1920's disreputable sales people discovered Florida. What they found was eternal sunshine and miles of uninhabited swamp. They sold these damp lots sight-unseen to thousands of unsuspecting consumers throughout the world. Everyone thought the publicity surrounding the Florida land swindle would put an end to this type of con. Not so, only the location has changed, the latest being Arizona because of its rejuvenating climate.

Take steps to protect yourself: If you're being pressured by a sales person to buy a piece of property you haven't seen, say 'no' until you've consulted a lawyer about the contract and are satisfied that the location and the property is what you really want.

Be wary of accepting invitations to free dinners where foreign land sales are being discussed. While it's true you're under no obligation to buy, resisting the high pressure sales tactics may be difficult.

Before such developers sell property in Ontario, they are required to file and have accepted a prospectus of the property with the Ontario registrar of real estate

and business brokers. The prospectus gives precise details about the property. After it has been filed, a foreign land inspector visits the property to ensure the prospectus provides an accurate description. If everything is in order, the developer receives a certificate of acceptance. Every prospective buyer must get a copy of the prospectus. Read it carefully before signing a contract. You should, if at all possible, also visit the property first. Remember, a certificate of acceptance doesn't mean the property has government endorsement or approval.

Rent Review

What do you do if you find a notice from your landlord saying your rent is being increased by \$25 a month?

The Residential Tenancy Commission can review your case, even if the increase is under the maximum six per cent allowable each year.

The first thing you should know is that the landlord is only allowed one increase a year, regardless of the amount.

A landlord is also limited to six per cent increase a year unless the Commission approves a higher increase. If the landlord intends to increase the rent, by any amount, he has to notify the tenants 90 days before, spelling out the present rent and the proposed increase in both dollar and percentage figures.

If an increase above six per cent is demanded, a hearing must be held and a commissioner decides if the proposed increase is justified. An appeal panel will review the decision if you are unsatisfied.

The Residential Tenancies Act applies to most rental housing such as apartments, duplexes, mobile homes, townhouses or

rooms in a boarding or lodging house. It does not apply to such accommodations as non-profit cooperative housing or rental units operated by the federal, provincial or municipal governments.

For more information about the commission or how to fill out forms, you can contact one of the 20 offices located in Ontario.

Pyramid Schemes

Get-rich-quick pyramid schemes are the latest fad in Ontario. But what most people don't realize is that they are almost certain to lose their initial investment and could end up spending two years in jail or paying fines up to \$10,000 for participating in one of these illegal schemes.

A pyramid scheme works like a chain-letter in which participants are asked to put up money - amounts of \$1,500 or \$2,200 - and are promised a return of about eight times their investment in just a few days.

It operates this way: Seven people form a pyramid with one person at the top, two in the middle and four on the bottom. The people at the bottom are told to recruit eight new investors. The new investors pay their money which goes to the person on the top. Then the pyramid is split down the middle. The two people in the middle head two new pyramids with people at the bottom moving into the middle position.

The eight new investors are split into two groups of four to complete the two new pyramids. They, in turn, must sign up eight more people.

If the pyramid divides 32 times, for example, it would involve 850 million people and over one trillion dollars. There are only 25 million people living in Canada.

Additional copies of the kit are available free on request from the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Consumer Information Centre, 555 Yonge St., Toronto M7A 2H6. Telephone 963-1111.



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"Surprised to be a P.C. Member"

I was very surprised and upset to find myself a paid-up P.C. member because I had already joined another political party some years ago after much thoughtful deliberation. It was a conscious choice.

But now the Tories are putting me and hundreds of other people

in Broadview-Greenwood on their rolls without our written or verbal consent when they have supposedly committed themselves to rectifying the wrongs perpetrated against an abused electorate. Aren't they belying their own avowed aims?

I find this indiscriminate sending of memberships (like some cheap mail-order gimmick) to be a morally dishonest and cynical act which only demonstrates contempt of the electorate the P.C.'s are hoping to represent.

Intelligent, active participation in the political process is one of the few ways to gain control over our lives. And it is imperative that we work together within the part of 'our choice' if we are to solve the massive problems confronting us. To that end

all political parties should commit themselves to educating the electorate about their (the party's) goals. A true democracy requires informed citizens making reasoned decisions.

Many of our neighbours here, lately arrived from totalitarian governments are puzzled and disturbed by the conduct of the Tory Party. No wonder! One P.C. canvasser told a Greek woman not to worry "...it isn't a membership, it's just a ticket to a

meeting." This is not a reasonable way to educate new citizens about Canadian political processes.

The P.C.'s must be conducting a campaign of desperation. Or is an unenlightened constituency just exactly what they need in order to win?

What will be next? Perhaps a one-party system in which we won't have to worry about making informed choices. They'll be made for us.

Dagmar Baur
Broadview-Greenwood

Gays vs Crown

When is an acquittal not an acquittal? When one of the parties involved is a gay newspaper and the other is Ontario's Attorney General's office.

On June 15 of this year, The Body Politic was acquitted for the second time on charges of using the mail to distribute indecent or immoral material. I have recently found out though, that the Attorney General's office is appealing the decision AGAIN!

Has Mr. McMurtry so little faith in our system of justice that he believes he must have three strikes before being called "out"? Or does he seek to prove to the bigots of this province that "these people" will not get away with this - that no matter what the cost to the taxpayer, or his pride - he will stamp out all signs of a gay community identity in this province.

The issue, for those of you who have forgotten by now, was whether an article entitled, Men loving boys loving men, was beyond the standards of community tolerance. The first decision on the December 1977 publication came in 1979 when Provincial Court Sydney Harris ruled that even though the subject matter was shocking that article was not indecent; he acquitted the defendants. The crown appealed and a new trial was set. One June 15, Court of Appeal Judges MacKinnon, Zuber, Blair and Weatherston all upheld the previous acquittal. Now the Crown seeks another appeal.

I do not know the grounds upon which they are seeking it; I don't even know if they have any grounds, but it is becoming clear

that this is a concerted effort to put the only national gay paper in this country out of business and that it is time that we all said something about this injustice.

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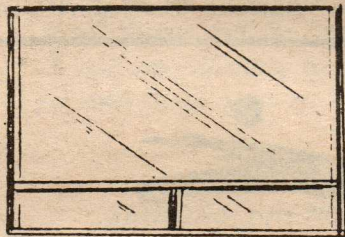


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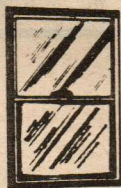
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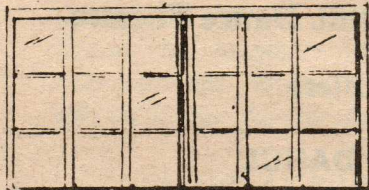
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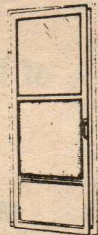
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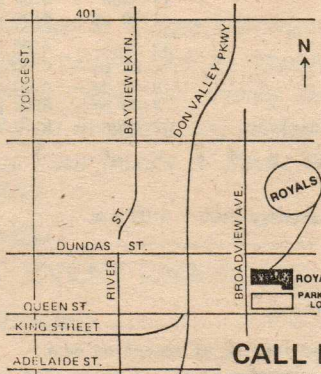


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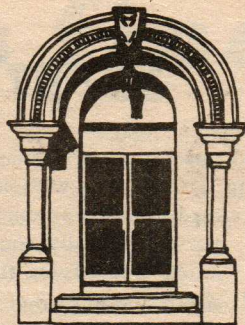
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OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Demonstrations by programme groups from 519 Church Street including:

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- Film presentations, baked goods
- Self-defence demonstrations
- Poetry readings
- Kiddies' painting and fish pond
- Games and tarot card readings

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- 5 p.m. Viewing of auction items. Bar open.
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- Midtown - refers to activities
- Action Volunteers - an animal protectionist group
- The Women's Group - a discussion group for lesbians
- A.A. - Alcoholics Anonymous
- Friday Night Club - A social club for mentally handicapped adults
- Circle of Friends - a support group for those who have relatives or friends who are alcoholics
- Smokey Joey's Cafe - a folk music cafe
- Hupkido - a Korean form of self-defense
- Sunday Drop-In - an informal meeting place for individuals

residing in rooming houses, hostels and on skid row.

C.C.C.A. - Canadian Caribbean Cultural Association social get togethers for cards, ping pong.

Dance Classes - jazz, tap, modern, ballet, afro cuban

After 4 - after school children's programme

F.A.C.T. - Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Transsexuals

For further information on any programmes at the 519 please call Penny Lamy, 923-2778.

VOLUNTEER AT THE 519

The 519 has many volunteer positions for community mem-

bers. If you are interested in volunteering in our snack bar, library, in a programme, or on a committee, The 519 has a spot for you.

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Through the years

By JANET PUGSLEY

The red brick building with the classical columns around the door at 519 Church Street has always been a place where people have gathered. It is strategically located on a street which used to be the route for farmers travelling to St. Lawrence Market.

"The first street in Toronto to be paved, the first to hear the clatter of hooves as the carriages drew up to the mansions of Upper Canada's first Establishment."

In the nineteenth century, Jarvis near Wellesley was lined with trees. The houses were large and comfortable. The wide lawns were lush and green. Jarvis Street dead-ended at Bloor. And 519 Church Street was built as a meeting place.

A few years ago, as he was painting the border near the

ceiling of the Auditorium, one of our members noticed the initials "G.C." A glance at this design also reveals brooms and curling stones. 519 Church Street was the site of the original Granite Club located here until the 1930's.

In the 1930's the Granite Club moved to new premises (since demolished) on St. Clair West and the German Club made 519 Church Street their home. The building became a gathering place for the European musicians. They used to drop into the club after their concerts at Varsity Arena on Thursday evenings, in a series called the Promenade Symphony Concert or "The Proms".

When Canada entered World War II, all "enemy aliens" were interned. The federal Custodian

of Enemy Property took possession of the building and 519 Church Street served a military function.

By this time the curling circle at the rear was housed in a building and became an enlistment centre.

In 1945, when the war was over, the building became the home of an infantry militia regiment - the 48th Highlanders. The former curling rink then enlistment centre became a drill hall. It was used by cadets until its demolition in the late 1960's.

In the early 1970's, a group of residents founded the North Jarvis Community Association.

In late August of 1972, Toronto City Council agreed to purchase Cawthra Park as North Jarvis's first community park. One of the key factors in Council's approval of the purchase was a petition carrying more than three thousand signatures of area residents, workers and students who urged the City to purchase some parkland in an area that had none.

From September 1974 until March 1975, more than forty persons attended meetings, presented briefs and debated the possible future uses of 519 Church Street before a Working Committee of local residents and business men. To test local interest and support, an Open House in the building was held in February of 1975 and a professional survey for social need in the area was conducted.

After a thorough review of all requests for a share in a major piece of downtown real estate, the Working Committee concluded that citizens should be provided with a Community Centre. In July 1975, the City of Toronto council passed a by-law which created a Board of Management of local residents who were appointed to operate "The 519 Church Street Community Centre."

PROGRAMME LISTINGS

Daily Activities

MONDAY	Moms and Tots	10:00 am - 12 noon
	Midtown Art Group	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
	Action Volunteers (1st Monday of month)	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
	Hupkido	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Psychic Society	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
TUESDAY	Women's Group	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
	Moms and Tots	10:00 am - 12 noon
	Checkers	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
	City Chess Club	6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
	Lesbian and Gay Youth Toronto	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Overeaters Anonymous	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
	Midtown Arts & Crafts	12 noon - 4:00 pm
	Free Legal Advice (call for appointment)	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
	Circle of Friends	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
	No-Name Cafe	8:00 pm - 10:30 pm
THURSDAY	Life Drawing	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
	Moms and Tots	10:00 am - 12 noon
	A.A. Discussion	12 noon - 2:00 pm
	Midtown Drop-In/Bingo	12 noon - 3:30 pm
	Midtown Drama	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
FRIDAY	Calligraphy Course	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
	Women's Self Defence Course	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Gay Care Toronto	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
	Friday Night Club	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
	Toronto Area Gays (last Friday of month)	8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
SATURDAY	F.A.C.T. (2nd Friday of month)	8:00 pm - 10:30 pm
	Circle of Friends	8:30 pm - 10:30 pm
	Smoky Joe's Cafe	8:30 pm - 12:30 am
	Hupkido	10:00 am - 12 noon
	A.A.	12 noon - 3:00 pm
SUNDAY	Checkers	12 noon - 5:00 pm
	G.Y.T.	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
	Sunday Drop-In	12 noon - 4:00 pm
	Toronto Guild of Astrology	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
	A.A. (Living Sober)	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
City Chess Club	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
C.C.C.A. (every second Sunday)	12 noon - 5:30 pm	

Monday to Friday Activities

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

YARD SALE

Bargain hunting? Then don't miss the Yard Sale presented by the Toronto Elizabeth Fry Society, in conjunction with the Cabbagetown Cultural Festival - Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. at 215 Wellesley Street East. Phone 924-3708.

GARAGE SALE

East End Volunteer Workers Sports will be holding a garage sale today, September 11, between 12 and 5 p.m. to raise money to purchase sports equipment for the various teams and for the presentation of trophies, crest and buttons. In case of rain, sale will be held indoors at 8 Kingston Road. If you would like to donate dishes, jewelry, books, etc. please contact Pat McDermott at 690-7783.



SECOND MILE CLUB

Join the Cabbagetown Festival at the Second Mile Club (192 Carlton Street) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Books, jewelry, and clothing will be for sale and there will also be a lucky draw, singing, doughnuts and coffee. Free balloons for the kids.

HEALTH FAIR

This year an added attraction to the Cabbagetown Festival will be a Health Fair to be held outside at Parliament Street Library at 269 Gerrard St. E. Local agencies such as The Canadian Cancer Society, York-Toronto Lung Assoc. Public Health, Regent Park Health Centre, and Central Neighbourhood House will give demonstrations, show films, test your health and fitness level and hand out buttons, posters, etc. The fair will be held between noon and 4 p.m. and everything is free.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

GUITARIST/SONGWRITER

On September 15, guitarist/songwriter Meg Christian will perform at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West in the Brigantine Room. Meg will be promoting her new album, *Turning It Over*. There will be two shows, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7, and are available at all BASS ticket the Harbourfront Box office, the Toronto Women's Bookstore, 85 Harbour, and SCM books, 333 Bloor W.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BENEFIT GALA

Festival of Festivals Week - The Canadian Filmmakers Distribution Centre is throwing a Benefit Gala - in the manner of non-profit art institutions everywhere the C.F.M.D.C. is struggling -- struggling to continue bringing alternative films to the craving public - long the only distribution available to filmmakers working beyond the bounds of the mainstream - the centre needs help. You can help by having fun, by paying \$5 admission at the door, by heading over to the cash bar, and by dancing to some of the most exciting music in Toronto. The peak in a week of celebration - come anytime after 8:30 p.m. or the last film you can stomach. St. Lawrence Market. Music by the Government, Lord Cameroon, T.B.A.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Main Street Library will hold its annual book sale today between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and 137 Main St. Bargains include fiction, non fiction, hardcover and paperback.

ONGOING

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

The Cross Cultural Communication Centre is inviting its volunteers - old and new - to an Orientation/Social Evening on September 28 between 6 and 10. There will be supper, presentations of the Centre's activities, audio-visuals and more food. Please call by September 24 if you are planning to attend. Registrations limited to 50 people.

SENIORS' FRENCH CLASS

Conversation french class with a qualified instructor is offered at Dixon Hall this fall. Cost is \$5 for Dixon Hall members and \$7 for non-members. Phone Helen at 863-0499 for further information.

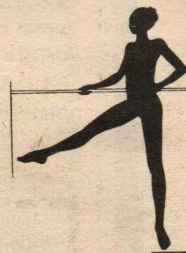
SATURDAY FOR KIDS

A variety of Saturday Activity programs for children 5 to 12 years is being offered by the YWCA this fall, beginning September 25 for twelve weeks. Saturday Morning Fun Clubs, Kinder Cook and Junior Cook, and Junior Star Gazers will all be offered. Fee for each course is \$27 for 12 weeks. (There is an additional supplies fee of \$18 for the Star Gazers course.) To register or for more information, contact the YWCA at 2532 Yonge St. at 487-7151.

DANCE THEATRE SCHEDULE

The School of the Toronto Dance Theatre' Fall 1982 term will begin September 14 with a variety and number of classes never before offered. The General School will be providing evening classes in the fundamentals of Graham technique three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:45 and for elementary students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:45 and Saturday mornings from 11 to 12:30. Stretch and Strength classes this year will be offered four days a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m., on Saturdays from 11 to 1 and Sundays from 12 to 2 p.m. A new feature at the School this year is a special course in Aerobics taught by a member of the Toronto Dance Theatre Company. These classes will run three times a week. Fees for each of these courses can be paid on a 10 and 20 class card basis. For both the beginners and elementary Graham classes and Stretch and Strength, a 10-class card will cost \$55 and a 20-class card will be \$100. Aerobics will be \$60 for 10 classes and \$110 for 20 classes.

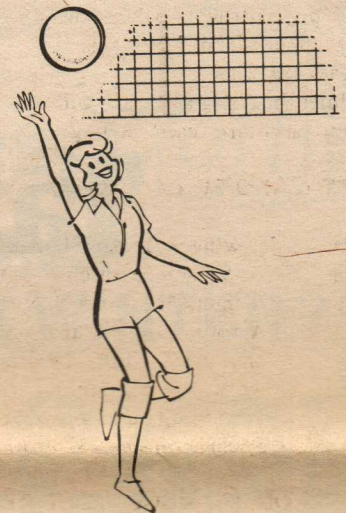
For advance registration or further information regarding the General School or the day-time Professional Training Program geared for students interested in a career in dance, contact Linda P. Jones at 80 Winchester St., Toronto, 967-6887.



FALL PROGRAMMES

Jimmie Simpson Recreation located at 870 Queen Street East, between Broadview and Logan, will soon be starting their fall programmes. Commencing Thursday September 23, the centre will be providing a number of excellent programmes such as adult fitness, swimming lessons, arts and crafts,

ballet, badminton, volleyball, roller-skating, jazz, an adapted aquatics programme for the disabled and several other interesting activities. Registration takes place on September 20th to Wednesday, September 22 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. All programmes are provided free of charge to City of Toronto residents and the centre is fully accessible. Don't miss out on an exciting and enjoyable fall and winter at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre. For further information call 461-2550 after 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.



INCEST SURVIVORS

Women who have experienced incest when young often suffer from unresolved feelings of guilt, confusion and hurt. The YWCA's Group for Incest Survivors offers an opportunity to discuss the experience with other women who have had similar experiences and to look at them from another perspective. Confidentiality is guaranteed. The next group begins September 28, 7 to 9:30 p.m. for eight weeks at the YWCA Woodlawn Residence, 80 Woodlawn Ave. East. To register call Margaret Smith or Phyllis Purves at 487-7151.

BEV GOLDMAN EXHIBIT

The Queen and Saulters Library will be exhibiting Bev Goldman's works in stained glass and quilting through this month.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice which you would like to appear in the next (September 24) issue of Seven News (all events between September 24 and October 8 should go in this issue) please fill out the coupon below and mail or bring your notice to Seven News at 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto, M5A 2A2.

DATE OF EVENT
DETAILS OF EVENT (include time, place, & what the event is, in 2-3 sentences)

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By-Election is finally set

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another riding suddenly became vacant. Tom Cossitt, the member for Leeds-Grenville died of a heart attack. Since Cossitt was a Conservative who had held the seat for many years and the Tories were riding high in the polls they lost no time in getting the wheels

turning for the setting of the by-election date. So in due course the date of September 25th came up as the day that the government must announce the contest for Leeds-Grenville whose sitting member had died on March 15th, and also for Bruce Lonsdale who was killed in late January.

As for the third riding, Broadview-Greenwood, the deadline for setting that date was early in September, the 5th I believe.

The government in office has a further opportunity for stalling. Although the prime minister must set a date within six months of receiving formal notice of a vacancy, he does not have to name a day that comes before the next general election if he does not want to. However, we were told on August 24th that all three by-elections will be held on October 12th. The fact that the three ridings became vacant at different times, that in two in-

stances the machinery for new elections was set in motion promptly while there was deliberate delay in the third case, all this didn't matter a damn.

It is interesting to recall that last year there was a speedy by-election in Spadina riding. The sitting Liberal member, Peter Stollery, was promoted to the Senate to make room for Ottawa's choice Jim Coumts, an ex-aide to the prime minister.

However, it was Dan Heap who made it to Ottawa, not Coumts.

It seems to me that the voters of the riding of Broadview-Green-

wood have a right and also a duty to ask the various candidates, and particularly the Liberal hopeful, what their attitude is to the provisions of the Canada Elections Act that allows governments to delay balloting if it suits their purposes to do so. A well-known Canadian politician made this statement at a fairly early date in his political career, July 24th, 1969, to be exact:

"In a democracy, the ballot box... is the ultimate and appropriate technique of assessment". One guess should be enough to tell you who that was.

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Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors is a program designed to help offset municipal, school and retail sales taxes and home heating costs for Ontario residents 65 and over. The Property Tax Grant portion, of up to \$500 per household, is provided in two instalments annually. The first instalment of the 1982 grant, based on 1981 applications, was mailed in the spring.

The Ministry of Revenue has just completed the mailing of Property Tax Grant applications which seniors must complete in order to qualify for the final instalment of this grant.

If you received a 1982 Interim Grant, you will receive an application.

TAKE CARE TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION ACCURATELY.

Take a few extra minutes to fill out your application and then check it again for accuracy. This makes it much easier for the Ministry to process your form and get your cheque to you. In particular, you should remember the following:

- Fill in your taxes or rent for the entire year;
- Sign your application. Spouses 65 or over should also sign;
- If your marital status or address has changed, fill out the appropriate section on the application.

The Ministry will begin mailing Property Tax Grant cheques in early November and continue to do so on a regular basis.

Some points to remember

- If you have not received an application within 14 days and believe you are eligible for the Property Tax Grant, please contact the Ministry.
- Those seniors who reach the age of 65 between July and December will receive their application early in 1983.
- Those seniors who reach the age of 65 in 1982 will receive a grant for the full year once they return the application to the Ministry.
- If you moved permanently into Ontario during 1982, your grant is based on the time you resided in Ontario. If you have not received an application, please contact the Ministry.
- Seniors who are not eligible for federal Old Age Security but who have previously established eligibility for the Property Tax Grant will also receive an application. If you reside in a tax-exempt property such as a chronic care facility, a home for the aged or a similar institution, you are not eligible for the grant. However, if you move into a tax-exempt property during 1982, you are eligible for a Property Tax Grant based on your rent or property taxes prior to your move.

Sales Tax Grants

On December 3, the Ministry of Revenue will mail a \$50 Sales Tax Grant cheque to all Ontario seniors. No application is necessary for this 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

Or write to: Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors, Ministry of Revenue, Guaranteed Income and Tax Credit Branch, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2B3.



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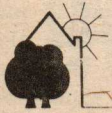
By late summer, many of our wild plants have come into fruit, often with useful and tasty results. But if you plan to add a little variety to your diet by experimenting with edible wild

plants, a few words of caution are in order. Even some relatively common and attractive plants can result in poisonings that are extremely uncomfortable, or sometimes fatal.

Colourful berries can often lead to poisoning, since they attract the appetite of curious youngsters. You or your child accidentally swallow a plant or berry that causes a severe reaction,

your first contact should be your local poison control centre, which is listed prominently in the front of your phone book. Take a plant specimen to the hospital

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

East End Literacy, an adult literacy project working in east Toronto needs community-minded people to work on its board of directors. Energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to the issue of literacy would be helpful.

For more information, CALL AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, Elaine or Jan 968-6989

Neighborhood Information Post has many jobs for volunteers, at their office at 265 Gerrard St. E., out in the community, and for special events. If interested please phone 924-2543.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for a variety of community programmes three hours a week in either group settings or on a one to one basis with people of all ages. If you're interested phone Eva 925-4363 at Central Neighbourhood House.

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Humane Society needs support

By JENNIFER MARTIN

"You can judge the humanity of a society by the way its animals are treated," Mahatma Ghandi.

Over the long weekend, some friends and I decided, because we had tired of watching television and had no money to do anything else, that we would trék down to the Leslie Street spit and commune with nature.

Due to a navigational error, on my part, we ended up having to walk from Queen and Leslie down to the spit. This is a long walk, or so it seemed, for as we walked the sun began to set.

Along the course of our route we heard what we took to be the cried of baby seagulls and, knowing nothing about their nesting habits we started to look for a nest; trying to observe nature in its, well, natural state.

Following the cries we came upon a nest, which, when inspected, did not contain seagulls at all, but two small puppies that had been abandoned by the roadside.

The dogs, in their hunger and fright, had worked the grass around them into a nest shape and one had gotten his leg twisted and cut by the wire-like grass. It took almost twenty minutes to free the animal's leg - which

hopefully will regain its normal shape - and nearly an hour to get them to the Humane Society at Queen and River Streets.

The incident made me stop and think; earlier that day, I had been preparing a small announcement about the Humane Society's Tag Day to go in this issue of Seven News and I had been wondering about the importance of their work. I, like many other responsible pet owners, make sure

my animals are all spayed and neutered to avoid any unwanted litters and I couldn't and don't understand why others allow their pets to have pregnancy after pregnancy.

I had it driven home to me by this experience that the Humane Society is a vital and necessary service that should be supported by all who believe in the humane treatment of animals. There are better ways to take care of the animal population than brutally exposing unwanted pets. September 25th is Tag Day in Metro Toronto -- give generously.

The Humane Society is also looking for volunteers to collect donations, on Tag Day. If you are interested, call 362-CARE for more information.

IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER YOU MAY NEVER FORGET.



Drivers going in both directions must stop for a stationary school bus flashing its red lights. The only exception is on multi-lane highways with median barriers, where only traffic behind the bus must stop.

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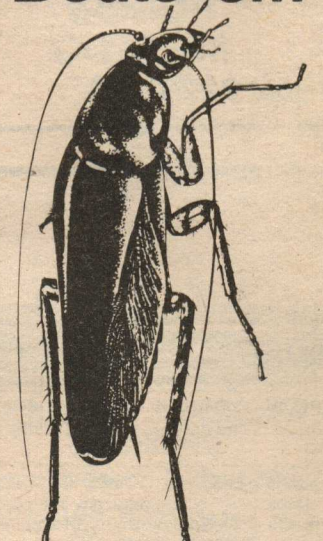
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